

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Rolde of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Increase the Department of Marine Resources License Fees.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 6421, sub-§ 7, as amended by PL 1977, c. 713, § 4, is further amended to read:

7. Fee. The fee for the license shall be ~~\$25~~ \$50 for applicants 17 years of age or older and \$10 for those under 17.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 6451, sub-§ 1, as amended by PL 1977, c. 713, § 5, is further amended to read:

1. Allocation of license fees. Ten dollars of each ~~\$25~~ \$50 fee and ~~five dollars~~ \$5 of each \$10 fee for each lobster and crab fishing license shall be allocated to the Lobster Fund, which shall be used for the purpose of ~~propagation~~ propagation of lobsters by liberating seed and female lobsters in Maine coastal waters.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA § 6501, sub-§ 5, ¶¶ B and C, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, are amended to read:

B. ~~\$25~~ \$50 for resident operator and all crew members; and

C. ~~\$200~~ \$400 for nonresident operator and all crew members.

**Sec. 4.** 12 MRSA § 6601, sub-§ 5, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is amended to read:

5. **Fee.** The fee for a shellfish license shall be ~~\$10~~ \$20.

**Sec. 5.** 12 MRSA § 6701, sub-§ 5, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is amended to read:

5. **Fee.** The fee for a scallop license shall be ~~\$25~~ \$50.

**Sec. 6.** 12 MRSA § 6751, sub-§ 4, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is amended to read:

4. **Fee.** The fee for a marine worm digger's license shall be ~~\$10~~ \$20.

**Sec. 7.** 12 MRSA § 6801, sub-§ 4, ¶ A, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is amended to read:

A. ~~\$10~~ \$20 for a resident; and

**Sec. 8.** 12 MRSA § 6851, sub-§ 6, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is amended to read:

6. **Fee.** The fees shall be as follows:

A. ~~\$50~~ \$100 for the wholesale seafood license; and

B. ~~\$10~~ \$20 for each supplemental license.

**Sec. 9.** 12 MRSA § 6852, sub-§ 4, as enacted to PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is amended to read:

4. **Fee.** The fee for a retail seafood license shall be ~~\$10~~ \$20.

**Sec. 10.** 12 MRSA § 6853, sub-§ 6, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is amended to read:

6. **Fee.** The fee for a marine worm dealer's license shall be ~~\$25~~ \$50, and the fee for a supplemental license shall be ~~\$10~~ \$20.

**Sec. 11.** 12 MRSA § 6854, sub-§ 6, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is amended to read:

6. **Fees.** The fee for a lobster transportation license shall be ~~\$50~~ \$100, and the fee for a supplemental license shall be ~~\$10~~ \$20.

**Sec. 12.** 12 MRSA § 6855, sub-§ 6, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is amended to read:

6. **Fee.** The fee for a shellfish transportation license shall be ~~\$50~~ \$100, and the fee for a supplemental license shall be ~~\$10~~ \$20.

**Sec. 13.** 12 MRSA § 6857, sub-§ 5, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is amended to read:

5. **Fee.** The fee for a lobster meat permit shall be ~~\$25~~ \$50.

**Sec. 14. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1981-82	1982-83
<b>MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
Bureau of Administration		
Positions	(6)	(6)
Personal Services	\$103,343	\$103,924
All Other	25,000	25,000
Total Administration	\$128,343	\$128,924
Bureau of Marine Patrol		
Positions	(1)	(1)
Personal Services	\$31,000	\$31,000
All Other	60,000	75,000
Capital	85,000	53,596
Total Marine Patrol	\$176,000	\$159,596
Bureau of Marine Sciences		
Positions	(4)	(5)
Personal Services	\$19,955	\$35,778
All Other	33,000	33,000
Total Marine Sciences	\$52,955	\$68,778

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

Passage of a license fee increase, recommended and considered in the past, is now necessary to meet vital financial needs of the department. To absorb a portion of the normal operating costs, usually covered by the Part I Budget, plus costs of essential programs which can no longer be supported by revenue accounts, the change in license fee is proposed.

The Bureau of Administration appropriation will be applied to the following costs which have been borne by special revenue: Four full-time and 2 six-month employees, substantial costs imposed by the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, and telephone system costs.

The Bureau of Marine Patrol budget will receive funds needed to establish a sergeant position, which is part of the overall reorganization plan to provide more

efficient coastwide enforcement coverage; funds to take care of deficits in the "All Other" categories which have resulted from the costs of inflation and across-the-board increases of operation; funds to replace radios used in patrol vehicles and watercraft which have deteriorated due to their use around salt water, plus replacement of vehicles which will have in excess of 100,000 miles and for which no Part I funds are available.

The Bureau of Marine Sciences appropriation will transfer costs for the vital Public Health Paralytic Shellfish Poison, Red Tide, Program to General Fund. These costs can no longer be borne by special revenue. Related costs include Jackson Lab mice used for testing, full-time and part-time laboratory and field personnel, travel and supplies.

Amendments in this document will produce an estimated increase in revenues of \$389,520. Under existing statutes, \$19,752 will go to the Shellfish Fund and \$12,470 to the Marine Worm Fund. The balance of \$357,298 will go to the General Fund from which there shall be an appropriation of \$357,298 to carry out the purposes of this bill. The breakdown is described in section 14.